

ATTACHMENT A

Clean Replacement/New Claims

Following herewith is a clean copy of each claim which replaces each previous claim having the same number.

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4. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first part and/or second part (14, 22, 23) have two sheathes.

5. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein one of the first and second parts is at least in part formed by a strap (333, 334, 330) or braces (261).

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7. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein one or more magnets or ferromagnetic elements (34) of a part of the device, are concave in shape, and the magnet(s) or ferromagnetic element(s) (35) of the other part is(are) convex in shape and complementary to the said concave shape.

8. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein one or more magnets or ferromagnetic elements (4, 6, 11, 12, 17, 18, 25, 30) are flat, trapezoid, rectangular, circular or triangular in shape.

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12. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein it contains the means (55) for mechanically moving the sheath(es).

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13. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second parts has a series (67) of at least two magnets or ferromagnetic elements (68, 69) hinged together.

14. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the magnets (70, 71) is surface-polarised.

15. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polarisation of at least one of the magnets is axial (78), parallel to the sheath.

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16. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the magnets (72, 73, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83) is multipolar.

17. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein it contains at least two magnets (80, 81, 82, 83) in the same sheath, of opposite polarisation.

18. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein each magnet (85) is associated with an anti-magnetic protection component (86, 77, 91, 105).

19. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one magnet being multipolar, it is sandwiched between two parts (91) used to block the magnetic flux.

20. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the magnet being of width d , the structural thickness of the device between the magnet and ferromagnetic element is less than $d/12$.

21. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one magnet or ferromagnetic element is glued, welded or embedded on a support plate (93, 96, 104).

22. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sheath also has a strip of ferromagnetic cloth (108) along all or part of its length.

23. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sheath also has stitches sewn with ferromagnetic conductor wire (112) along at least part of its length.

24. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the magnets or ferromagnetic elements (114) have rounded edges (115).

25. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the magnets are produced from the family of rare earths of the type Neodymium Iron Boron.

26. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein it contains the means (120, 137, 308, 331, 362) to activate the movable magnet(s) or ferromagnetic element(s) remotely.

31. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 26, wherein the means for remote activation include a photoelectric sensor (144), and/or a temperature sensor, and/or a humidity sensor.

32. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 26, wherein the means for remote activation include an elastic or spring-operated traction system (161, 164; 160, 162) using attached or connected to the movable magnet or ferromagnetic element, and capable of acting through the corresponding sheath, and a system for locking the said traction system in one or more preset positions.

34. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one magnet (210) is formed from a block drilled along its axis with at least one cylindrical hole (211) and containing, on the side of one of its surfaces, a transverse channel (212) parallel to the said surface and through which sewing thread can be run entirely below the said surface.

35. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one magnet is formed from a block drilled along its axis with at least one cylindrical hole and containing, on the side of one of its surfaces, a cupel (222) through which sewing thread can be run entirely below the said surface.

36. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 34, wherein the magnet has two cylindrical holes (212, 212').

37. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 34, wherein the magnet(s) are covered with an anti-magnetic sheath on at least one surface.

38. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein it also contains the means (234, 235, 236) for detecting and signalling that the parts of the garment, shoe or any other accessory are correctly fastened or fitted.

40. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 38, wherein it also contains the means for triggering an alarm or sending a command if specific preset conditions are complied or not complied with.

41. (Amended) A device for a shoe as claimed in claim 27, wherein the means for remote activation include a switch located in the sole of the shoe, which can be activated by the user when he puts his foot in the shoe, this allowing automatic adjustment of the shoe.

42. (Amended) A device for adjusting the hem of a garment, as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sheath is extended by a piece of fabric to which the second magnetic or ferromagnetic element is attached.

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44. (Amended) ~~A~~ shoe, containing a device as claimed in claim 1.

46. A shoe as claimed in claim 27:

wherein it is comprised of three solid sections, namely, a right section (332), a left section (331) and a central section (333), and two open sections, each one separating the two solid sections on either side of it, the device containing at least one strap (334) fixed to the middle on the central section and fitted on both sides with sheathes (326) containing movable magnets (325), used to bring the right and left sections towards the central section, in order to adjust tightening of the shoe;

wherein the device has at least one adjustment strap (330) containing a magnet or ferromagnetic part which disappears into the wall of the shoe, the motorisation system being capable of pulling or releasing the said strap automatically.

47. (Amended) A garment, containing a device as claimed in claim 1.

48. (Amended) A garment as claimed in claim 38, wherein it contains a cloth, the weft (401) of which is threaded with conductor wire connected to an alarm used to signal if the wire is cut and therefore that the garment is damaged.

49. (Amended) An accessory such as braces or belts, bags, organisers and other types of leather goods, wherein it contains a device as claimed in claim 1.